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SOME CHINESE ASTERS.

Sister Xavier's New Charges—the Orphans at the Island of Chusan, China.

(A Chinese nun may be noted in this photograph which was sent to THE FIELD AFAR by Sister Xavier Berkeley.)

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Come after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. Luke VI, 39.

NO letters of good-will have been more cordial and, we may add, more welcome, than those which have come to the Seminary organizers from the Rev. John J. Dunn, the New York Diocesan Director for the Propagation of the Faith. Fr. Dunn has shown the keenest interest and the new Seminary will, we are certain, find in him a constant friend.

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ONE of our first requests for information about the entrance requirements of the newly proposed Seminary, has come through the *Messenger of the Sacred Heart*.

This well-known publication, representing as it does a great multitude of Catholics, leagued under the banner of the Sacred Heart, thus from the outset gives evidence of helpful service.

This service is not unexpected; it was long since cheerfully assured by the zealous editor of the *Messenger of the Sacred Heart*, who realizes that 'to those who love God all things co-operate unto good.'

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SHORTLY before his death, the late Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, is reported to have told Cardinal Gibbons, who was standing by the bedside of the dying prelate, that His

Eminence, to whom so many great religious enterprises owed their patronage, would live to foster and protect others equally as great.

When we realize the interest which Cardinal Gibbons has manifested in the proposed foreign mission seminary, we cannot but feel that already the prophecy of the beloved prelate, whom Philadelphia yet mourns, is being realized. It was Cardinal Gibbons who proposed this establishment to the hierarchy, encouraged its organizers, and approved its name—the *Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America*. May those who will conduct this work for souls, now and in the days to come, be mindful of these facts and hold the memory of our beloved Cardinal in benediction, always.

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IN some of our exchanges we note more or less incorrect announcements concerning our newly-proposed Seminary for Foreign Missions. We learn, for example, that future students will be trained free of all expense and supported by the contributions now made through the Lyons Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

We do hope to train at little or no cost some of our students, and we will aim to secure burses at five thousand dollars each for this purpose.

We do not, however, expect the Lyons Society to support our students. Later, perhaps, when they are ready for the field, we shall apply for a share in the yearly apportionment, which is usually confined to the sustenance of *priests on the mission*, and occasionally to their passage-money.

In the meantime we appreciate the fact that the Lyons Society has constantly increasing demands with an income that is all too small; and we express the hope that the co-operation which has been given to this well-tried organization by some Catholics in the United States, notably in the Archdioceses of New York and Boston, will be gradually extended all along the line.

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WE who are striving to organize a foreign mission seminary in this country do not expect to avoid the criticism of those who see in foreign mission effort a hindrance rather than a help to home activities.

From the days of the apostles there were followers of Christ who loved Him, quite exclusively for themselves. Good they were, but short-sighted, Catholic in profession but narrow in practical sympathy.

The type persists to-day and will doubtless be met in every age. Yet we are hopeful that not a few who now see the end of charity only at its beginning will realize more and more fully, that when charity ends at home, it is not enduring.

We received lately two communications which should be widely read by Catholics interested in the progress of the Church in America. These have come from the two home-missionary societies best known in this country,—the *Catholic Missionary Union*, which trains priests for the conversion of non-Catholics, and the *Catholic Church Extension Society*, which aids struggling missions in the South and West.

Fr. Alex. Doyle, C.S.P., writing for the former society, in *The Missionary*, refers to our newly proposed seminary as the most important step taken in missionary work in the past year, and adds:

"It is full time for the American missionary to get into the foreign field. Because of the dearth of Catholic foreign missionaries from the United States, America is rated as a non-Catholic power in the Far East, and the power and influence of the Catholic body within the United States, goes for naught.

There is still another reason why this project should be encouraged. It is said by men of large outlook, and it is true, that the dearth of vocations to the priesthood in this country will be largely overcome when we extend a helping hand to the foreign field. We shall watch with great interest the growth of this project, and wherever it is possible to say a good word in its favor the patrons of the home mission will commend it."

The second communication was in the form of a resolution taken in Chicago about the time when the Most Reverend Archbishops were meeting at Washington. This resolution was communicated to the organizers of the new seminary, by the Very Rev. Francis C. Kelley, D.D., who wrote:

"At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of *The Church Extension Society* of the U. S. A., a resolution was passed expressing sympathy for the idea of establishing in the United States, a Seminary for the education of priests for the foreign missions.

I was instructed by the Board of Governors to communicate the fact of this resolution to you.

The Board will be very glad, indeed, to do anything possible, within the lines laid down for our activity, to assist you.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ."

FRANCIS C. KELLEY,
President.

These two societies have already shown how they can most efficaciously help us. They themselves have, in the above-quoted lines, evidenced a Catholic spirit, which, if imparted to their

own members, will be an incentive to the entire Church of the United States,—a realization of the words of St. Paul which THE FIELD AFAR has always borne upon its title page: "To those who love God, all things work together for good."

Our work will be expressly for the far-away heathen. The home-missionary societies will continue their efforts for the 'heathen-at-home' and for other delinquents; but we shall all be doing the will of Him who gave to the church its universal commission. God's work is one. It is man's weakness that divides and dissipates.

"A seminary for foreign missions such as that contemplated, if established with the good will of the entire American Hierarchy, can hardly fail to draw, emphatically, the attention of American Catholics to the cry that comes from one thousand million souls, who, as yet, have not heard Christ's message."

CARD. GIBBONS,
To the Hierarchy of the U. S.

ALTHOUGH we have made as yet, no formal appeal for our newly proposed seminary, a disposition to assist us has already been evidenced. More than fifty people have sent in their offerings, ranging from fifty cents to a hundred dollars, and one benefactor has given no less than a thousand.

On this precious list of names which will be published only in Heaven, but will be kept in the archives of The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, are those of a poor bishop in the Philippines, several priests, some nuns (who have secured offerings from friends), and a score of Catholic men, women and children,—with two non-Catholics. God bless them all! Sweet, indeed, is the spontaneous gift.

SHALL THE FIELD AFAR BE A MONTHLY?

FOR the past five years THE FIELD AFAR has appeared every two months. We have been often urged by interested subscribers, priests and laics, to publish it more frequently, but other important duties have till now prevented us. This has been a source of genuine regret to us, as we realize the value of repeated impressions and the danger of too considerable a publication interval in these days when all kinds of attractions are striving to force themselves upon the Catholic mind.

In view of this desired change—and of the widened scope of our work—the organization of a foreign mission seminary—we are emboldened to ask our

readers to strengthen our hands in one of two ways.

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An Associate Subscription may be also secured in favor of the departed. In this case the subscription will be forwarded to a missionary or to some needy person or institution, and the spiritual advantages will be applied to the soul designated.

THROUGH the kindness of His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, we have been privileged to read one of the several commendatory letters received in anticipation of the Archbishop's conference last spring. This letter is from the Bishop of Scranton, who we feel will, for the good of a great cause, waive any objection to its publication. It reads:

BISHOP'S HOUSE,
SCRANTON, PA., April 24, 1911.

YOUR EMINENCE:—

The idea of establishing an American Foreign Mission Seminary has come to most of the bishops and many of the priests of America for years—and many an earnest Catholic soul has longed for the day when the hope might be realized and the Gospel of Christ might be preached in foreign lands by American priests.

It is true indeed that we have the "foreigners within our gates," and that we have to import foreign priests to preach the Gospel to Americans and other Catholics in some dioceses, but yet the Church is losing a great deal by not taking advantage of the prestige of our country in heathen lands.

I am heartily in favor of the projected college, as I was many years ago, and I wish the movement every possible success.

With sentiments of the highest esteem, I am,

Your Eminence's servant in Xt.,

M. J. HOBAN,
Bp. Scranton.

TO HIS EMINENCE,
JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS,
Baltimore.

THE editor has looked over with no little interest the comments of Catholic papers in the United States on the proposed Seminary for Foreign Missions. These are all favorable. They could hardly be otherwise since a unanimous approval was given by the hierarchy. Many are reprints of an article substantially correct that appeared in the daily

papers and was evidently prepared by some reporter at Washington during the conference of the Archbishops. Some, however, indicate genuine interest in the cause, and a keen appreciation of its value to Church work in this country.

From these we select as exemplifying this truly Catholic spirit, the following editorial from *The Monitor*:

We venture the prophecy that there will be no ecclesiastical institution in the whole country looked upon with more admiration and aided by more copious alms than the Seminary for Foreign Missions.

The essential work of the Church is to preach the Gospel to the whole world. To bear Christ and Christianity to the heathen is the most practical labor of which the Church is capable. *Practical people will appreciate the practical results of the Seminary for Foreign Missions.*

And how such an institution must appeal to the faith and the imagination of good Catholics! What supernatural vistas will open out before the eyes of our Catholic people when they follow with a sad joy their sons and daughters journeying to distant lands to cast their lot with heathen and barbarian! And what a flutter of triumph in their hearts as they receive the intelligence that some have become martyrs for God. The tears that stream down their cheeks will be glorified! And then, mayhap, as the years fly by, the American Church will behold its martyred children elevated to our altars, their names written in the glorious martyrology for eternal memory.

It is a new era and a new hope that is opening out before the Church in our beloved country through the Seminary for Foreign Missions. Generous America never refused help to any worthy cause; her gold and her treasure will be poured out in abundance for the glorious cause of the missions. It has been almost a reproach to us Americans that we are wrapped up in material prosperity. The Seminary for Foreign Missions will be America's answer to the charge.—*Monitor*.

"I envy the lot of the doves who can fly from place to place. Ah! if I had wings like theirs and could leave the convent without prejudice to my vows, I would to-day take flight for India. There I would gather the children of poor Indians around me. I would instruct them in the principles of our Holy Religion, to give them Jesus Christ and thus to save their souls."

St. Mary Magdalen d' Pazzi.

YOUTHS or young men, who feel a strong desire to toil for the souls of heathen people, and who are willing to go afar with no hope of earthly recompense, and with no guarantee of a return to their native land, are encouraged to write, marking their letters personal, to the Editor, FIELD AFAR, Station A, P. O. Box 98, Boston, Mass.

Join us in a great cause. Be pioneers in this labor for souls.

WORDS OF CHEER.

TRIBUTES are always welcome to interested readers of this paper. They are also inspiring to others beside the editor. For this reason we reproduce in this issue several received from this country as also from the mission field.

It is not our custom to print the names of benefactors, but we feel that for the good of the cause, the Right Reverend and Reverend writers (forgive the play on words) of the following letters will be indulgent:

May God abundantly bless you, and all your good zealous work.

Cordially yours in Xt.,

✠JOHN J. KEANE,
Abp. Dubuque.

I enclose express order for \$5.00 in payment of ten years' subscription to your excellent paper.

Yours faithfully,

BERNARD FEENEY,
St. Paul's Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

Enclosed please find a check (\$5.00) for my subscription to your excellent paper. I find it most interesting and stimulating and I would miss it very much if it did not come regularly.

Sincerely in Xt.,

(Rev.) E. J. FITZGERALD,
Clinton, Mass.

Enclosed please find a check for \$6.00; one dollar for renewal of subscription to THE FIELD AFAR, and five dollars towards the Seminary for Foreign Missions.

I am poor myself, but such a noble work deserves the support of everybody.

Sincerely yours, (Rev.) E. BOOGAERS,
Shoshone, Idaho.

You know how glad I am of the establishment of the Seminary for Foreign Missions. My congratulations.

For fifteen years I have been praying and desiring this good piece of news. *Deo gratias!*

I wish the seminary might be located near this place. If I were allowed to work a little for it what a joy it would be for me!

Fraternalty yours in our Lord,

M. B. COTHONAY, O.P.

I am gratified beyond words by the definite announcement in your issue, Vol. V., No. 4, that the American Seminary for Foreign Missions is now decided upon and approved by the Holy See. This is a departure I have long been anxiously looking for,—that the great North American Church should take a share, and a large share, in the apostolic work for heathen lands. Thank God that this is about to be accomplished! It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of the news. It will signify very much in the future of the Foreign Missions.

I respectfully tender my sincere congratulations and best wishes.

Yours devotedly in Xt.,

✠LOUIS CHARLES (CASARELLI),
Bishop of Salford.

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Send one dollar and become an Associate-Subscriber to The Field Afar, sharing in all the works of the new Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America.

A SAINTLY priest in France, who for many years was occupied here in this country with the training of priests (a work which he still continues), writes of the newly proposed seminary:

"I open to you the depths of my heart. My ardent wishes for the success of your splendid mission, the Catholic Foreign Mission Seminary of America. I shall pray for it often. The idea is a magnificent one. You have therefore to foresee many hardships, many trials, many crosses. You shall have cloudy days, consoling hours and perhaps deception. But do not get discouraged, for this work will prepare the way for the most glorious progress of the American Church.

We Latin countries are poisoned—perhaps to death; we seem to be decaying and faith seems to be disappearing. Our enemies are powerful, and we often ask ourselves—shall we survive the awful crisis? America is young. The Catholic Church there is a power, and the time has come for her to spread the faith abroad. God will be with this work."

MORE FROM THE PRESS.

The time has come for our American youth of both sexes to respond to our Lord's call for laborers in the mission field by the generous offering of their lives.

Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

Our long-cherished dream of a Seminary for Foreign Missions is soon to be realized

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The Church in America will not fail to recognize the importance of this prodigious undertaking, and will encourage their efforts in every possible way. The time has come for us, after years of struggle and growth, after deeply implanting Catholicity in our own country—to assist in the extension of the Gospel in the furthestmost parts of the earth, that do not possess the inestimable advantages we enjoy.

When some of the best of our priesthood, abandoning all that life holds dear, seek, amid hardships and privation, souls lost in the darkness of spiritual death, in the field afar,—when, it may be, American blood is shed in glorious martyrdom, to become the seed of Christians in pagan lands, then will "the Faith once delivered to the Saints" wax stronger and be still more ardently loved at home, because of the heroes it has raised up among us and the sacrifices it has cost us.

With pride, and a sincere thankfulness to God, we hail the prospective foundation of a Seminary for Foreign Missions that will, it is generally believed, be productive of great results, for the Catholics of the United States and the evangelization of the world.

Catholic Missions.

BANZAI FROM JAPAN.

The action of the Archbishops was heroic and truly Catholic in spirit and will be so in effect, too.

The Catholic Church in America has turned a new leaf in her history, has entered upon a new era, has begun a kind of imperial policy; no, rather has shown herself simply Catholic—true to her name, a living member of the true Catholic Church of God.

The effect of her action will be far reaching and beneficial beyond expression.

The French missionary spirit is grand. "Gesta Dei per Francos" can yet be inscribed

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in the annals of the Church, for the glorification of the eldest daughter of Mother Church. At present the French missionary is met with everywhere under the sun, especially in the most ungrateful and painful mission lands. He lives on a pittance with which very few other priests would be content, and marvelous is the progress the Church has made of late in the heathen world, owing to his exertions and devotedness.

I will appear paradoxical in saying so, but still I dare say great as the French Catholic Missionary is, greater still is, or at least was, and will be, the English-speaking Catholic Missionary!

Who was it that converted the barbarous nations of Central and Northern Europe, who had been hanging like a threatening cloud over Europe for many centuries? Even at the present day, though England, America, the Anglo-Saxon countries, are Protestant to a large degree, though they have forfeited the Catholic inheritance of their fathers, yet under the icy carcass-like spirit of puritanism and hundred-headed heresy in general, when every other Christian legacy was cast to the dogs, the one undying element of hope and revival that survives the loss of everything else, is their indomitable missionary spirit.

Now if the Anglo-Saxon world, handicapped by the shackles of Protestantism, has shown itself able to spend such immense sums of energy and money at home and abroad, in misguided missionary spirit, what will it not be able to do, when that same spirit of propagandism is spent, not against the truth and without any benediction from above, but in favor of the Catholic truth, with all the benedictions and heavenly blessings, that prayer, good-will and co-operation can draw down upon the efforts of man.

When once the Anglo-Saxon world goes in for good to converting the heathen nations to the Catholic Church, then the reign of God upon earth will soon appear with a splendor unheard of yet in the history of the Church. The Seminary you are preparing will hasten the dawn of that blessed day.

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OUR LADY'S MISSION.

BY ALICE DEASE.

[The facts of this story were supplied to the writer by Sister Fielding of China. The picture was actually found in Meisan by a Lazarist priest.]

THE life of a missionary is a hard one. Father Leo had come to China with but one illusion on this point. He had looked forwardly, willingly, to the bodily privations, to the loneliness, to the weariness, to the discomforts; for he had thought that all these would be but the setting of the picture of his life. He could with God's help bear everything if only his labors and trials were crowned with success. He had imagined himself preaching to crowds eager for the truth, expending himself in giving instructions and administering the Sacraments. In this dream of the life to be, his services had been called upon from every side. He had heard of the harvest awaiting the laborers, of the souls that were deprived of the consolations of religion because of the scarcity of priests; and the days and weeks spent upon the ship had seemed to him interminable, so eager was he to begin his work.

Then he had gone up country to the district to which he was appointed; and the priest with whom he worked until he had gained a knowledge of the language, told him,—what indeed he soon saw for himself—that all he had heard at home had not been exaggerated. Rather had the need for priests, the fervor of the converts, been underestimated. Then he passed on to his own district to begin work, and slowly, but from the very start, his disappointment had grown.

His own people were good, if not deeply fervent; but others, the Pagans around, were simply indifferent. They were not opposed to him and his teaching; they ignored it; they did not care.

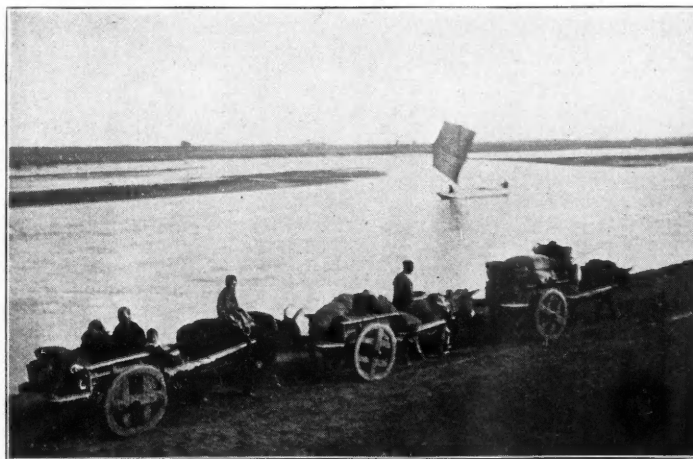
And by degrees he began to lose heart. Perhaps at this time he may have wondered whether after all he had not mistaken his vocation in coming to the mission field. Did the reason of his non-success lie in the fact that his real work was undone in some quiet home parish? As he grew disheartened so, too, did his people decrease in fervor. He visited his schools, but because the children were so few he had no word of encouragement for them or for their teachers, and in consequence teachers and children alike were affected by his despondency. And so it was with other things till he found his people so indifferent to everything not obligatory, that when the month of May came round he wondered wearily if it was worth while decking an altar and reciting the

prayers as he had so joyfully done the previous year.

Coming in one evening from a long, hot ride he had almost decided to submit to the apathy of his people, when he found a letter from home awaiting him. "May will be beginning when you get this letter," wrote his sister, "and every evening when I go to say the rosary before the altar where long ago we used to pray, you and I, that Our Lady would accept you as her own missionary, I, now alas alone, will think of you at your May altar surrounded by your dear Chinese, and I will pray still that our dream of long ago may be perfected, that you may ever be Our Lady's missionary. But don't think that I am waiting until

and for which one of the Christians had prepared an elaborate frame. As he went, thus laden, a Chinaman, passing by, stopped to cast a look of mingled curiosity and surprise at the picture in his arms. He was a stranger in the district and Father Leo would not have given him another thought, did he not notice that the man had followed him to the little chapel door and stood watching every movement as he put the picture in its place.

"By what name, oh stranger," said the onlooker in a tone of perfect respect, "do you call the lady whom you honor as though she were an ancestor of your own?" "She is my mother," said the priest, "the mother of my God, and my mother, and her name is Mary."



ON THE ROAD IN CHINA.

the month of May to pray for you. I do that every day . . ."

He dropped the letter and his thoughts flew back over miles of land and sea, over the years that had passed since the days of which his sister spoke, when they were children together and their great thought for the future had been that he should be Our Lady's missionary. *Our Lady's missionary!* and he had entertained the idea of letting her month pass by with no outward sign of his love, with no effort to encourage the devotion of his flock!

Despite his fatigue and the lateness of the hour, he went out to the straw-thatched building that did duty as a chapel, and set to work preparing a place of honor for the May altar.

Returning to the house he carried out a colored picture of Our Lady which he had brought from home,

"Your mother," repeated the man "Nay, stranger, that cannot be. You are not yet an old man, and in my family the picture of that lady has been venerated now for two hundred years."

"Then you are a Christian?" cried the priest. "I am a Chinaman," replied the other with the air of one who does not understand what has been asked.

It took Father Leo some little time to discover that the great, great grandfather of this man, who had been a mandarin in Peking, had brought to his home, in a village that stood on the outskirts of Father Leo's district, a picture of Our Lady holding the Infant Jesus in her arms. Whether the mandarin himself had become a Christian was uncertain, for none of his descendants remembered any of his teaching; but though still pagan, they venerated the picture as a portrait of

the Queen of Heaven, and once a year in the month of August, exposed it for public veneration, burned joss before it, and carried it in procession like the rest of their gods.

Father Leo's suggestion that he visit the mandarin's picture was greeted with delight, and a few days later he set out for the distant village with more eagerness and hope than he had felt for weeks. He was greeted with delight by the mandarin's clan and welcomed at the home of his new-found friend. There in the place of honor, usually given to an idol, was an unmistakably Christian picture,—a picture as the owner had said, of the Queen of Heaven with her Son in her arms. His testimony, that the newcomer possessed and venerated a duplicate of their portrait, made a great effect on them all,—an impression that was deepened by the assurance that in August all Christians celebrate a feast, the Assumption, of the Queen of Heaven, just as they did.

Seeing that he had gained their attention, Father Leo went on to tell the people of his conviction that their ancestor had been a Christian and his descendants had only lapsed into the idolatry of their pagan neighbors, and forgotten the true doctrine, owing to persecutions and the lack of priests to administer the Sacraments and instruct the children. He assured them that it was the Queen of Heaven who had sent him to teach them, and to please her they ought to listen to the doctrines of Christianity.

But so important a step could not be taken without due consideration, and a family council was held, to which Father Leo was admitted. Those opposed to the idea argued that several times foreign missionaries had come to the place wishing to teach their doctrines, their first stipulation being that the picture of Our Lady should no longer be venerated. Indeed, one of them had offered 300 dollars to be allowed to remove the picture; and so for two reasons Father Leo knew that Protestant missionaries had been in this field before him. First they had not approved of honoring the Mother of God, and secondly they had money to spend.

When these objections had been answered, those who were eager to know the truth, made their plea. Father Leo claimed to be the servant of their venerated lady. He, too, venerated her, and it was in her name that he came to tell them more about her and her Son. In all the years her image had been in their house had she ever asked a favor of them? Was it not, rather, she to whom they were indebted? And the speaker went on to



Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bring forth a Son; and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

remind them how, when, within the memory of all but the youngest present, a terrible fire had broken out in the village, a woman had been seen pouring water on the roof of their house, so that, though the flames rolled fiercely about it, they were quenched at once; and whilst all their neighbors were rendered homeless, they and the house which sheltered the picture remained safe and untouched. Further back in the time of their fathers had not the whole district been devastated by cholera and their house alone spared? Night after night, a woman and a child had been seen standing as though guarding the door, and there were many, not of the family, still living who could bear testimony that they and others had been taken by friends to the venerated picture when they were stricken with the dread disease, and had been cured at her intercession. These, the speaker declared, were only a few of the many great favors their Lady had bestowed on them, and were they now to turn a deaf ear to the first and only request she made?

Thus the whole clan was gained over to the cause of Christianity, and a petition was drawn up begging Father Leo to remain with them, to teach them and their children the way to honor the Blessed Lady truly, and through her to know the truth and the way to heaven.

This was what Father Leo had dreamed of—almost an entire village eager for the truth, fervent souls who asked for nothing but the doctrine and Sacraments of the Church! The crown of success was before him, but withheld by reason of almost impossible difficulties. The village lay a day and a night's journey from his nearest mission post. He could stay but a few days and begin their teaching; but a church, school, teachers, a priest of their own were needed. They were poor; but among them they promised ground for a church and schools, and free labor to erect what

was needed. The building material and support of the mission Father Leo was to supply.

The means at his disposal did not even meet the demands made in his own district; but inspired with new hope and energy he would not allow that the new work was impossible. It was Our Lady's own mission! She was its foundress and for a few hundred dollars was not to be disappointed. He promised to return soon with teachers who would remain in their midst, and bade them pray that Our Lady might inspire her clients in other lands to help in making this, her mission, a permanent one.

As he rode homeward he thought of the dark day, not far distant, when his heart was heavy with weariness and hopelessness. He had been wanting in faith, he had expected too much, and instead of punishing him, God had given him through the Blessed Virgin this favor and this lesson.

He redoubled his efforts and soon had the joy of seeing his fervor reflected in his people, and the faith burning and spreading in his new district. And he found time to write the good news home, and to make an appeal in Our Lady's name, not only for material support but for prayers for his converts, and for himself that he might have the strength and grace to continue the work, which he felt his sister's prayers had obtained for him light and renewed energy to begin.



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Water that has no outlet becomes stagnant; and stagnant waters breed disease.

The faith and charity of American Catholics should find outlet.

Open the gates, then. We must send consecrated men and women to the Christless wilds; we must back them with prayer and material alms from the home-land. If this means sacrifice, so much the better, because our reward will be proportionate. The arm of God is not shortened. It will meet our generosity and shower back upon us stay-at-homes blessings abundant.

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HERE AND THERE.

WE appreciate the warm tribute offered to our work by the National Direction of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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A NEW YORK woman, Mrs. Annie F. Doyle, has left the greater part of her estate, valued at \$20,000, to Catholic Charities; and she has included a gift of five thousand dollars for the cause of foreign missions. This has been left to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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FOR some time past we have tried to impress upon our readers the considerable share which Catholics in Holland are taking in the evangelization of heathen people. We were ourselves surprised, however, to learn lately, in Holland itself, that nearly 1,200 Dutch priests are at present on the mission, and that no fewer than twenty-one mission-houses are preparing others to follow in their footsteps.

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WHILE at Brixen, Austria, we received a copy of *Le Missione Cattoliche*, the Italian organ of the Milan Seminary for Foreign Missions. Turning over its pages we were more than pleased to find an editorial request for prayers that our newly proposed seminary might meet with God's special favor and soon send worthy young American apostles to the mission fields. We are grateful indeed to the editor, Fr. Manna, for this thoughtful kindness and to those of his readers in Italy who have responded to this appeal.

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A STATUE of the Blessed Théophane Vénard,—and one of considerable artistic value,—has been prepared for us by a well-known artist. The first cast was brought by the editor to the martyr's brother, Eusebius, Canon and Curé of Assais, France, who expressed his pleasure and pronounced the likeness unusually good. This statue stands about two feet high. The original is at THE FIELD AFAR Office, and arrangements will be made to secure several casts, in response to the demands of many admirers of this *Modern Martyr*. Prices and other particulars will be sent on application.

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WE learn from many sources that the Blessed Théophane Vénard has been instrumental in securing or strengthening vocations to the religious state, and we know of many nuns to-day who bear the name of Sister Théophane. We were interested,

therefore, recently to receive the following letter:

When Mother Paul was recalled and Mother Kevin went to Nsambya, I was sent here to take charge of the work. Really I think you are partly answerable for my being here at all. When you came to Mill Hill and gave us a very interesting account of Théophane Vénard my hope of going to the missions was renewed, and I made several novenas to the martyr; and as a result—here I am. We have a good number of children in our school, which is an old building and too small to hold our numbers. Every day 100 to 150 sick people receive treatment, and we have very little to keep our work going on. Being a convert I cannot boast of one Catholic friend, and I am very anxious to make friends, so if you can help our mission, or interest a few good people in our work, I shall be most grateful to you. I wonder if you can spare us a copy of the "Life of Théophane Vénard." We have not one in the convent and I want the Sisters to read it. Begging a remembrance in your prayers,

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HAPPY LITTLE FIRST COMMUNICANTS IN JAPAN.

IN a recent issue of *America* we find a plea for the union of our *Catholic Truth Societies* with the newly formed *Catholic Press Association*.

The writer incidentally points out the advantage of circulating Catholic literature in the Far East at the present moment. He says that thirty tract (Protestant) societies have been set up in that part of the world, and 'their presses are run night and day.' After making appreciative reference to increased interest of American Catholics in the Propagation of the Faith, he adds that "it should not be a difficult task to enlist the interest and co-operation of the Catholics in the United States in the propagation of the faith through the Catho-

THE Procurator of the Japanese mission stated to the editor recently, in Paris, that if forty Mass intentions could be added yearly to the present small allowance of many priests in that country, a much-needed and welcome relief would result. Look at the little faces in the photograph above and ask yourself if such souls are not worth while.

lic Press and the Catholic Truth Societies. The weekly publication of news from the mission fields, which finds place in many Catholic papers, is already bearing good fruit."

A good test for the follower of Christ: Have I a keen desire to save souls?

WHEN the directors of the new Seminary for Foreign Missions arrived in Italy they found that their mission was already known. Comment had been made by *Le Missioni Cattoliche* of Milan, which had sifted into various publications of North Italy; and the *Osservatore Romano*, at Rome, had published a half-column announcement which practically embodied all that had been done up to that time, June 12.

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IT was rather amusing to learn at Rome that some of our observant Catholic exchanges in the United States were evidently under the impression that the new foreign mission seminary was entered for a race in the same class with the North American College at Rome.

The latter supplies priests to dioceses in the United States; the former will try to provide them for missions among the heathen in foreign lands. There will be no rivalry. On the other hand the Foreign Mission Seminary will look to the Alumni of the American College for that encouragement, which it is certain will not be withheld, by men who have had so good an opportunity as they, to realize that the Church of Christ is neither parochial nor national, but *Catholic*.

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IN a copy of *The Irish Rosary*, which has lately fallen into our hands, we notice, under the title of *Faith and the Future of Ireland*, an appeal to develop (should we not rather say to re-awaken?) in the home-land of so many of us, the missionary spirit.

"T. G. D.," the writer, points to the example of France, which, even today, gives so much, in men and means, to the heathen missions, and urges his fellow-countrymen to organize along similar lines of effort. He mentions among other means, the necessity of frequently publishing missionary literature, "biographical, historical, statistical, geographical and scientific, with a little fiction for completeness," finally rising to the publication of a paper of its own, "neither stodgy nor windy nor scrappy, but firm and keen and Catholic." The writer makes kindly and appreciative reference to *THE FIELD AFAR* and its activities.

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FATHER FRASER of Ning-po, China, did not lose any of his precious time while in Ireland this past summer. We learn from Fr. Browne, S.J., of *St. Joseph's Sheafe*, that this earnest "missionary visited Maynooth, where he addressed the students and

conversed with the professors and a large number of the Irish hierarchy; Armagh where His Eminence Cardinal Logue invited him to fill his Cathedral pulpit; all the larger seminaries, including Mt. Melleray and Roscrea; and Mungret, where he lectured to the apostolic students." Many boys we understand expressed a desire to follow Fr. Fraser to China. Some ladies have begun to found one or more burses for native priests in Ning-po seminary (where, by the way, little 'Jimmy John' is studying); and several Bishops, College Presidents and Pastors have encouraged him with promises of future help.

The President of All Hallows' College has placed at Fr. Fraser's disposal two free burses for the Chinese mission.

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TO Ireland we are indebted for the first gift of any special article, destined to the use of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America. This gift, a travelling Mass-set, was made by the archconfraternity of St. Joseph, Dublin.

It was suggested by Fr. Browne, S.J., editor of *St. Joseph's Sheafe*, the organ of this thriving mission society. The presentation was made to the editor of *THE FIELD AFAR* in person at the home of the organizer and president, the Honorable Mrs. Taaffe.

The outfit was of immediate service, as the editor and his companion, Fr. Price, were enabled to use it two days later, through the courtesy of the Bishop of Liverpool, and every day afterwards until the Atlantic had been crossed. The first Masses were offered, in gratitude, for the Archconfraternity, for its founders and for the editor of *St. Joseph's Sheafe*, respectively. Later, the Holy Sacrifice was offered on the high seas for our subscribers and benefactors.

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THERE is a German Foreign Mission House, in Steyl, Holland, just beyond the border of Germany. The Society of the Divine Word, which controls this establishment, did not exist forty years ago. To-day it is sending out to heathen lands, every year, from forty to fifty priests, about forty nuns and from fifteen to twenty brothers.

The editor visited this Seminary recently and found five hundred men and youths, priests, brothers, and students, under its great roof. A short distance away was a community of four hundred nuns and novices, preparing likewise for the missions.

German Catholics are rising strongly to the mission need,—the consecrated

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service of men and women. They are also supplying gradually to the Catholic world accurate statistics and interesting literature on this vital work of the Church, which until recently has been so little realized in many countries, including our own.

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BEGINNING with our first monthly issue, January, 1912, we intend to place before our readers a special mission-prayer intention to be changed regularly and to be supplemented, as far as possible, with prayers composed in view of the mission need, and approved, of course, by ecclesiastical authority.

In the meantime we urge upon our readers the great need of Communion and prayers, to be offered for our work, which, it will be recognized, is pioneer in its character, and as such, liable to many trials demanding much help from God.

We have set aside *Friday* of each week as a day of devotions to help us attain the several aims of our organization, to aid our benefactors, and to bring special graces to our missionaries and their flocks.

We shall gladly welcome, as co-operators in this form of help, any of our readers,—religious or lay. The nun in her cloister can thus be of great value to this sublime cause, which is her's because it is that of Christ, her Master. It will be a distinct encouragement to many, and above all to the missionaries themselves, if a record can be kept of such co-operation. This will not require the publication of any names. A simple notification, by post-card or otherwise, to *The Rev. Director: Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America*,* stating the resolve to offer, for example, one Friday Communion each month, or a Rosary every Friday, will suffice. We are certain that this idea will appeal to not a few among our readers.

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IN THE FIELD.

DURING the month of the Sacred Heart there were 1,700 Communions in the Chapel at Chefoo, China.

THE French Congo has now a commodious church-boat, which is used constantly by Bishop Augouard and his missionaries. It is a "double-decker" and named *Pius X*.

TO Bishop Gendreau of W. Tonkin, one of our correspondents in the Far East, a co-adjutor has been assigned in the person of Fr. Joseph Bigolet, an alumnus of the Paris Seminary.

AN Austrian (Lazarist) missionary in Kiang-si, China, has asked for a subscription to *THE FIELD AFAR*. One of our benefactors desires to pay for it, but we are not in possession of the missionary's address. If this notice falls under his eyes, will he kindly instruct us.

AMONG our new missionary correspondents is a Sister of Charity, whose family name is O'Sullivan, and who, we understand, is a native of Cork, Ireland. We have made the acquaintance of this nun through an order received from her for a copy of "Chinese Lanterns" and for a subscription to *THE FIELD AFAR*.

CONGRATULATIONS to Joseph Dutton, who has recently closed twenty-five years of service for God and souls in the Island of Molokai.

Joseph Dutton, a convert and formerly a soldier from Vermont, is neither priest nor brother, yet his long years among the lepers have been a true consecration. May he live many years to continue his useful efforts.

FATHER SYLVESTER ESPELAGE (an American), has sent a picture of the church and residence built in his district of Hankow, China, last year. Some of *THE FIELD AFAR* readers have a share in these buildings, since one-third of the expenses were covered by American alms. It was blessed in honor of the Holy Name on Jan. 14, 1911.

THE article on "Money Values in Africa," in the April-May number of *THE FIELD AFAR* will not hold good for Liberia. A skilled workman along the coast is paid from \$20 to \$30 a month. \$400 will build a semi-decent church—native style—and mission, which will topple down after the wear and tear of two rainy seasons. \$100, no less, may buy a mule or a horse, but will not build a school and house for catechist.

RECENTLY a missionary, Fr. Pierre Doucher, going from Port Alegre in Brazil to South Africa, was drowned in the Monrovia Bar. His body was found three days later and given Christian burial on the beach, a short distance from the town. The Mayor would not allow the body to be interred in the local cemetery, an action due to a superstition that the sea will follow a drowned person above the highwater mark. Benighted Liberia!

ODIOUS educational laws seem to have penetrated even into India. The educational department, headed by a Scotchman, persecutes the private schools, imposing a great many conditions and requirements which make their existence difficult. For small defects, which would be overlooked in Government schools, Government recognition is withdrawn. Many Catholic schools, which up to 1911 have received small grants from the Government, have already lost them, and if this condition continues, the majority of Catholic children will be obliged to attend Hindoo or Government (Protestant) schools.

Blessed Théophane Vénard

His life and letters are published under the title

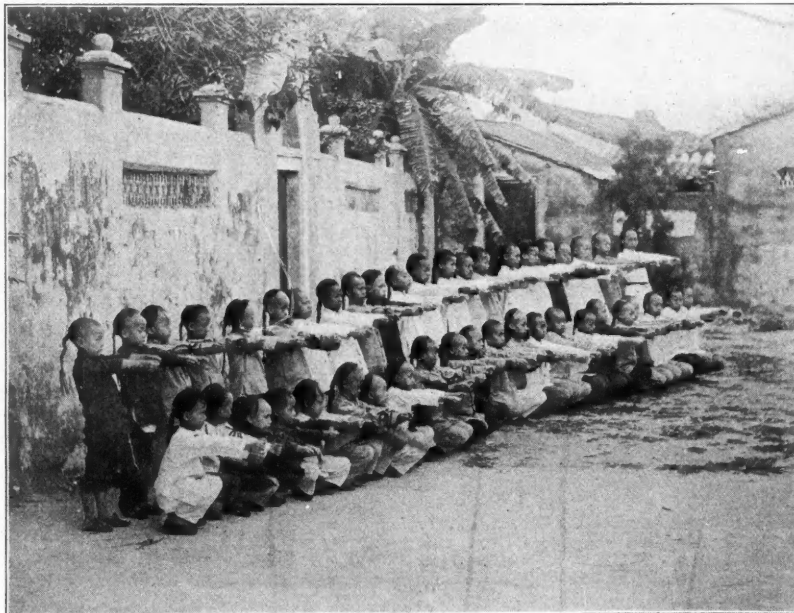
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FATHER KENNELLY of Shanghai, writes that throughout the Chinese Empire the work of the Church is growing each year. At the close of 1910 there were reckoned in all China 1,300,000 converts. These are administered by 47 Catholic bishops and 2,076 priests, of whom 1,391 are foreign and 685 Chinese.

The native seminary at Shanghai is very prosperous as to numbers. It has 36 ecclesiastical students and about 40 studying Latin preparatory to being seminarians in a year or two. These are pioneer days. An immense amount of spade-work is to be done on all sides. Peaceful progress in regular conditions will be enjoyed in the future.



SOME FUTURE CATHOLIC CITIZENS OF CHINA.

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FIVE young Italian priests left the Milan Seminary September 16 for missions in India, Burmah and China. The ceremony of departure took place at 8.30 A. M. in the Seminary chapel and the Cardinal Archbishop of Milan preached a discourse, after which his Eminence presented to the new missionaries the crucifixes which they are to use in the apostolate.

The young priests embarked at Genoa, those going to China being accompanied by two returning missionaries.

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ON July 25, 1911, Rt. Rev. A. Chapuis of the Paris Society, was consecrated Bishop of Castoria and Coadjutor of Kumbakonam, India, with future succession. Several bishops and over 100 priests were present at the ceremony. "Never was the diocese of Kumbakonam so peaceful as it is now," writes Bishop Bottero. "Everything appears to be in good order everywhere. For the first time since I came here I have the happiness of seeing well grounded hopes of conversions among the heathen. *My heart bounded with joy when I learned of the new seminary.* I have only regret at being too old to ever see our American brothers side by side with us in India. May God be blessed!"

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BISHOP CARROLL writes of Sunday observance in the Philippines:

It is not observed in this diocese at all as well as it should be observed. This is due to a variety of causes, for instance: 1st. The churches could not hold the people of the immense congregations that are found here. In this diocese we have six parishes, which just now occur to me, whose population is above 20,000; one of them above 25,000; one above 30,000; and one above 40,000.

2d. In all this diocese there are only two parishes that have assistants, and hence the largest number of Masses in all the other parishes—except where there are regular priests teaching in colleges—is two. This number does not suffice at all for the great multitude of the faithful who ought to assist at Mass.

3d. In the year 1898, the Bishop of this diocese and the Spanish priests fled at the approach of the Filipino revolutionists. The Bishop had not time to leave any administrator of the diocese in his place, and hence anarchy reigned and a deterioration set in which has never been eliminated. In a few months after the Bishop's departure, the infamous Aglipay intruded himself into the administratorship, with the result that confusion more confounded prevailed.

4th. Schism and heresy have done considerable deadly work, despiritualizing a good many.

J. J. CARROLL,
Bd. Nueva Segovia, P. I.

ARE you interested in diocesan figures,—not dollars and cents, necessary as these are,—but in the *count of souls*?

Here is a year's report lately received from a new mission in far-off China. It comes from Bishop Geurts of Yung-ping-fu:

Christians in the entire vicariate	10,889
Priests, including the Bishop and one native	12
Brothers	1
Sisters (all Chinese)	18
Men Catechists	123
Women Catechists	73
Mission stations to visit	165
Centres with a home for the priests	6
Churches, chapels and oratories	22
A preparatory Seminary with 22 boys.	
Boys in school	461
Girls in school	262
Men Catechumens (preparing for baptism)	1,326
Women Catechumens (preparing for baptism)	466
Orphans in asylums	50
Adults baptized during the year	1,765
Children of Christians baptized	307
Children of Infidels baptized	574
Dying Infidels baptized	736
Confessions heard during the year	23,645
Communions administered	53,293

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These splendid figures are worth the reading. They certainly show how much can be done among heathen peoples by a handful of priests, full of apostolic zeal and sustained by God's grace.

Bishop Geurt's mission, we may remark, is in Northern China—East Chih-li,—a province where much blood was shed during the Boxer uprising, and which since then has shown remarkable progress.

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A WORD TO OUR MISSION CORRESPONDENTS.

AS the editor of THE FIELD AFAR has recently returned from a protracted visit to Europe, he will not be able, at least for the present, to answer personally the many kind and interesting letters which have come to this office from the field. He assures the writers, however, that he will read all and will publish, in THE FIELD AFAR, or elsewhere, whatever will be found helpful to the cause of missions, individual or in general.

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WE suggest to our distant brethren that they give us occasionally at least, some glimpses of the humorous side of life among the heathen. Many little customs which to them have become matters of course, will prove of considerable interest to us stay-at-homes.

We are also in search of a missionary artist, or caricaturist, and we are convinced that there is some talent along this line, hidden away beyond the frontiers.

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We would go lower if we could afford to give our publication for nothing. We wish only to spread a knowledge of the missions. All else will follow.

WE are aiming to secure, through occasional gifts for the purpose, subscriptions for every missionary who applies to us, because we realize that THE FIELD AFAR will be helpful to our brethren on the missions. They will thereby receive that encouragement which the human heart craves (for a Catholic missionary is human), and will realize more clearly what kind of information we stay-at-homes require in order to keep up our constant interest in their noble efforts.

Once provided with THE FIELD AFAR, our mission correspondents will find in its columns due acknowledgment of letters, photographs, articles and curios, or things saleable.

Not all our mission-news is published, however, in the columns of this paper. Not a little of it finds its way into other Catholic publications with which our office is in regular communication.

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WE have remarked, and without surprise, that some of our good missionary correspondents, while evidently well-pleased that we are to become interested in a foreign mission seminary, fear that we shall lose sight of all outside of our own needs.

We hasten to assure them that we have no intention of thus limiting the scope of our possible usefulness. We hope to keep the spirit of our work *Catholic*; and while we never expect to satisfy the needs of all, we certainly hope to help sustain a goodly number of our worthy missionaries now on the field.

Is there a boy among our readers who loves God and souls enough to leave his home and country,—for good? We shall be glad to correspond with such a youth.

AFRICAN ENGLISH—A BIT.

SCHOOL teachers the world over seem to have similar trials. Fr. Toner sends this example of English as it is written in Central Africa by the future Baganda chiefs, and wonders what Mark Twain would have said of its beauties.

This is the account of an old king:

King Kyabagu is the son of a Prince. This king has been said to be a big man. He was a baldness man, the hair were on either side of the ear. On account of losing hair in the head his people sang him 'that which made him from the prince, see that there is bloom in the head.' Others answered, 'although he has bloom in the head he has strength.' The meaning of that song is, although he has a bald, he is very strong, because the bald is not old. When he was a prince he had that bald. The King is glorified to be a big and the fat, his body was very fat, also he was a short.

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A CLAY MODELLING CLASS.

[This article has been prepared for THE FIELD AFAR by a student in one of our American Seminaries, whose sister is one of the group mentioned.]

ONE bleak December day, almost ten years ago, five young Irish nuns left home to devote their lives to winning souls to God in the heart of Darkest Africa. Since then little has been heard of this heroic band, for, surrounded by difficulties, their progress was slow. Finally a clearing was made at Nagalama, British East Africa, where three surviving sisters have labored and suffered much in the accomplishment of wonders.

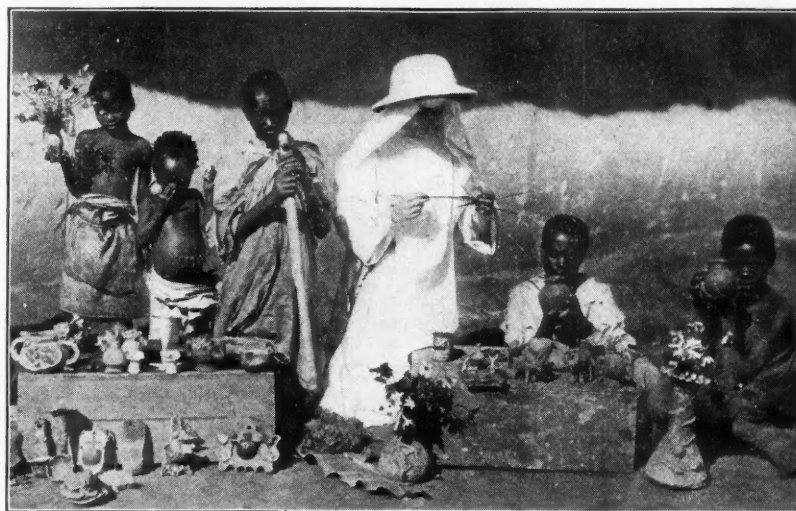
In working to spread the faith, these Irish Sisters leave nothing undone, and in training the native mind for the reception of God's word, have recourse to expedients not usually met inside the schoolroom.

It is not a little surprising on entering the large schoolroom of the windowless, furnitureless, mud-walled building, to find almost a hundred negro children, an attendance resulting from the attractiveness of the Sewing and Pottery classes, in which the hands as well as the minds of the natives are given interesting occupation.

The Pottery Class, also called the *Bumba* class, from the clay used in modelling, is conducted by Sister Solano O'Shea. One looks in vain for a potter's wheel, for moulds, for instruments of some kind. Instead each little negro has before him on a few banana leaves a lump of dark red clay or *bumba*, which has been elaborately prepared before its distribution to the children. This clay is first collected from a swamp in the vicinity, and mixed with a species of pebble called "isibu," ground fine. When this has been kneaded into a plastic condition it is kept in fresh banana leaves till ready for use.

At a given signal each little pair of hands takes up the *bumba* and slowly, under the guidance of Sr. Solano, the shapeless mass assumes form, and the deft little black fingers move gracefully around the soft clay until a holy water stoup, a picture frame, vase, bracket, animal or plant results. The object now has a rough surface, and each pupil produces a stiff piece of reed which acts like magic on the clay, smoothing and giving it a polish.

The task being finished for the moment, a period of recreation follows, during which the children amuse themselves by making *Bazunju*, or Europeans, whom they always delight in drawing or modelling. The objects are carefully put away in a dark place, for it must be remembered that everything counts in poor Uganda, and even the scanty price realized from these articles helps to keep the wolf from the door. At the end of three or four days the pottery is placed in the blazing sun for a whole day, and then baked in a fire of dried grass and reeds which renders it as hard as stone. This tedious process ended, the articles are enameled with a highly



AN IRISH NUN IN EAST AFRICA.
The Clay-Modelling Class.

colored native dye, and the finished product has an attractive appearance, worthy of a more pretentious laboratory than this log-built schoolroom in Africa.

The Sisters find the value of this class in the anxiety of the children to keep at school and to acquire such useful knowledge. They take advantage of this to form the young minds in a Catholic mould, and to instill the principles of morality so entirely new to them.

The Life of Father Judge, S. J.

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The missionary spirit has at last found vent in America. The trials of the missionfield will soon be our own glorious portion, and sympathy with those now bravely waging the fight will be the surest way of calling down God's blessing on our own work.

In your Communion, remember occasionally, at least, the vast multitudes among whom the Sacramental Christ has not yet lived.

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OUR YOUNG APOSTLES.

WE urge boys who feel in themselves a desire to sacrifice all for God, to correspond with *Fr. Ignatius*.*

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WRITING of difficulties in preparing children for their first Communion, Father d'Souza of Bangalore, India, gives these few samples of some answers received after several days of explanation:

"Who is in the Blessed Sacrament?" Several times the answer came "The Pope, the white Pope." After repeated explanations that the Pope could not be there, one boy solved the matter to his own satisfaction. "Grandma," he answered. The fellow was a pet of his grandmother who always excused his faults and got him out of every scrape. He thought he was doing her a good turn.

To another boy the question was put, "Where is God now?" "He is gone to fish in a tank three miles from here!" No fault of the boy, he was dreaming of his father.

To a little fellow who was the cause of great distraction to his class the question was suddenly given, "Who made the world?" He was taken back, and trembling, with tears rolling down his cheeks, he said, "Not I, Father. I never did such a thing," and he called on his companions to witness his innocence in the matter.

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FR. BASIL HUXTIN is still hard at work in his Tonkin mission. The editor while in Europe this summer, received news of him first in Paris, where he was reported 'laid up for repairs at the Hong-kong sanatorium.'

Later at Assais, the parish of Fr. Eusebius Vénard, the editor baptized the young missionary's niece, born the same day, and learned from his good old parents that all the boys—three missionary priests—were well and happy.

Fr. Basil is much interested in his printing press and writes of it:

La Bonne Presse continues to progress. We have already published several very popular pamphlets by a native priest.

While waiting for a train in a little station, I engaged in conversation a young Annamite, the station master. He knew nothing of the Christian religion, and I promised to send him a few pamphlets which would help him, which I did a few days later.

The reading of this brochure recalled all his childhood. Son of Pagan parents, at the age of seven months he had fallen seriously ill. His parents in despair gave him to a Christian family for a few cents. These good people had him baptized and gave him a Christian education. When he was about seven years old his own parents redeemed him, and he grew up in heathen surroundings. He attended atheistic schools and heard no one speak of religion.

The reading of the little book, which explains the Credo to Pagans brought back the memories of his childhood. He immediately asked for books that he might understand the prayers and teachings of the church and explain them to his wife and children.

This was our first conversion due to the *Bonne Presse*. Others followed, and with God's grace this great work will reap a splendid harvest.

BASIL HUXTIN.

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SISTER XAVIER, our good friend and much esteemed correspondent, has moved from the great mission of Ning-po, in China. She herself will explain why in the letter which follows. We will think of her in new surroundings, but with no less interest than formerly.

St. Xavier (Berkeley), is, as many of our readers already know, an English lady by birth, and has already, along with Sr. Fielding (sister of Lady Fielding, and also of England), given many years of devoted service to the Chinese mission.

The group which adorns our front page under the title, "A Bunch of Chinese Asters," will give a good idea of the interesting little people who will henceforth be the chief concern of this noble soul.

Sr. Xavier writes, from Chusan, an island off the Chinese coast:

HOUSE OF THE PRESENTATION, CHUSAN.

The above address will give you the reason for my long delay in thanking you for your generous gifts for our works. I was sent here at a few hours notice to replace a sister who had succumbed to typhoid fever.

You see I am now stationed in a house in the Chusan Archipelago, an assemblage of all our works on a smaller scale than at Ningpo, but most interesting; a Holy Childhood Orphanage, an extern school, a hospital for men, one for women; a dispensary, homes for old men and women, a catechumenate, workhouse and visiting the sick—all these works are capable of considerable development, but at present we are only six sisters, so will try to compass what is most urgent.

MONEY VALUES IN TONKIN.

30c. will support a mission for one month.

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\$125 will establish a mission, i. e., buy ground, build a church, support a catechist for one year, and have alms left.

Many vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life have come through reading the letters and lives of missionaries.

The people are different from those at Ningpo. Living on islands they are mostly fishermen and tillers of the soil, and seem a simple, straightforward race. There are 80 inhabited islands in the archipelago and about 2,000,000 inhabitants, I am told.

Visiting the sick is not so easy as at Ningpo, as going by sea we have tide and wind to consider, and if we remain on the island, range after range of mountains to be traversed as the villages are small and scattered.

The children in the group are orphans. A most interesting picture of children collected from various islands unfortunately failed. It is through these children that we get in touch with the parents who, on account of distances, have slipped away from the beaten track. It is the great poverty on these islands, the great difficulty in getting enough to live on, that make our poor islanders forget everything in the strain to obtain the necessary daily food. At the present moment rice is so scarce and dear that the people cannot buy it. They are living chiefly on potatoes and such vegetables as their gardens produce.

It is not the least of our anxieties to provide for our large family. We have been knocking at the doors of the rich to see if they can spare us some of their grain stored away for an evil day. The harvest so far promises well. Pray for us.

Yours sincerely,

SISTER XAVIER.

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Boys! There are worse fires than this in China, and you can help us to put them out. The devil has been busy there these many centuries, and has had quite a free field.

We count to-day 1,300,000 Catholics in China, but there are more than 400 millions still in the grasp of paganism.

Write to Father Ignatius, tell him your disposition, and ask him what you can do. Don't be afraid.



SUNDAY IN UGANDA.

(By FATHER SCHEFFER, NSAMBYA.)

SUNDAY in Uganda is in the fullest and truest sense "The day of the Lord." There is a real Christian, a real Catholic idea of the Sunday prevailing amongst the Baganda. It is not a day of rest in the sense so many people take it, who think that the Sunday is for pleasures, and for pleasures only. No, here it is rest in Christ; it is a renewal of spiritual life, it is the taking of an antidote against the many temptations during the days of work. It is "The day of the Lord."

Not so long ago, heathenism and its many practices were the only expression of their religion; but now crowds of devout worshippers gather, at the calling of the drums, in the church around the Blessed Sacrament, around our divine Lord who has also become their way, their truth and their life.

The Sun on her rising beholds them, the men dressed in spotless white cassocks, the women in their traditional bark-cloth, all of them animated with a vivid sense of their duty towards their Maker. They all kneel down for their morning-prayers, which they say together and aloud. The morning-prayers being finished the priest arrives on the altar. When he begins the Holy Sacrifice, all present join with him by the corresponding prayers, all said in common. This is a very touching scene. The priest blesses himself, and all present beseech Almighty God to give them the grace of devoutly offering with him the holy and acceptable sacrifice. The priest says the *Confiteor* and all recite it in the vernacular and strike their breast in accusation for their shortcomings. The priest says the *Kyrie* and all ask in chorus for God's mercy and say to Him the hymn entoned by the Angels above the crib: "*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*" Every part of the Mass has its prayer corresponding to those of the celebrant, until the priest has consumed the Sacred Species, and many of them approach the Communion rails (some 300 or 400 on ordinary Sundays and many more on feast days) to receive Holy Communion and so complete the Offering in the fullest sense.

The first Mass being finished, those who received Holy Communion say their thanksgiving together, after which they await, some in church, others in the compound, the sign for High Mass and sermon.

If the church is filled during the first Mass, it is more so during High-Mass, when many have come from the neighboring villages, sometimes hours away, for their Sunday devotions. Many have to kneel outside.

The people sing during High-Mass the *Kyrie*, the *Gloria*, the *Credo*, *Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei* and they answer the priest. Their singing is perhaps not perfect, but it is very good and if a discord is heard sometimes, the *animo*, the true heart with which they sing, amply makes up for the little inexactness.

When the Celebrant returns to the Sacristy, they sing a hymn to Our Lady until the sacristan has prepared the altar for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, given for the benefit of those who have come far off and have to return before midday. But all of them assist at this Benediction and sing the appropriate hymns, and say the prayers after it, among which is always included: St. Francis Xavier's prayer for the conversion of the heathen. They seem to put a special vigor in the latter one, and ask Almighty God to bestow upon their

Boys or girls who are interested in our work for missions may be encouraged to write to Fr. Ignatius, who will answer gladly. They may ask questions or express ideas about the missions in general or about any particular country.

Write to

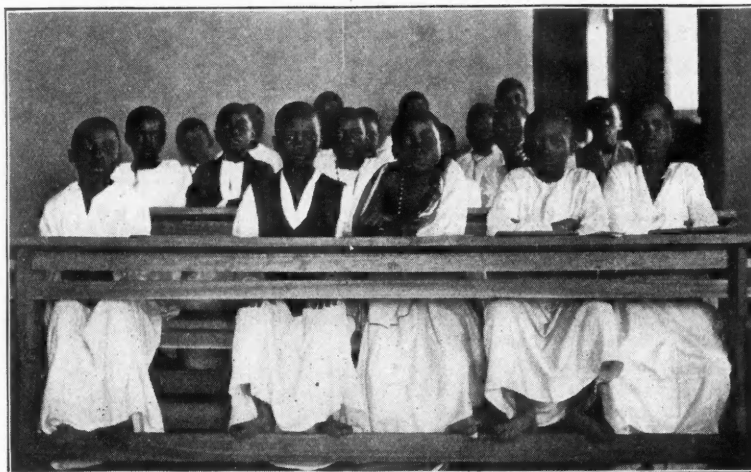
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A SUBSCRIPTION received a few days ago was directed to a young boy who had just made his first Communion. The donor's hope is that this youth may yet be fired by the apostolic zeal.

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FOR YOUR SUBSCRIPTION send fifty cents in stamps, if you prefer; or a one dollar bill for two years. Why not, at the same time, suggest some possible subscribers whose hearts might warm to The Field Afar, and whose minds are large enough to embrace it? Why not give a subscription to your friend?



ON THEIR BEST BEHAVIOUR.
Our Boys in Uganda.

heathen-brethren the same grace of becoming the children of God and of His Church.

When most of the people have gone, some satisfy their private devotions: the way of the Cross, a visit to the grave-yard of the missionaries, who fell on the battle-field, etc.

Once I was in church for thanksgiving when a woman went up to the Communion rails. She seemed in sorrow. Quietly she knelt before the Tabernacle and was absorbed in her prayer, as if she were alone in church. After a few minutes, she looked up to the Tabernacle. A soft ray of consolation then drove away the grief and suffering from her face. Christ, the Consoler, must have comforted that poor sorrowing soul.

"I have always felt called to the mission work, and I would give up home and all for God's sake, to labor for souls. I am a young man eighteen years old, and was on the sanctuary for nine years, serving Mass regularly. I do not care for the world and its pleasures. If there is a chance for me, let me know. I am poor, working for a living.

I hope to hear that you have a place for me to study. God will bless you for it, I am sure."

The above note comes to us just as we are preparing to go to press. It shows a good disposition,—the desire to leave all for Christ. We shall correspond with this young man and follow his development with much interest. Perhaps he has a true apostolic vocation. God only knows. He must pray often for guidance, and we ask our young readers to join him in his petition.

THE HELPER.

A YOUNG student in New Hampshire sold, during his vacation, one hundred copies of our French life of Blessed Théophane Vénard.

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"I'M only a *curate*," he said, "and a poor one at that, but I give you this (\$5.00) with a good heart and the promise of prayers. I wish it were one hundred times the amount."

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THE prayers of our readers are requested for Dr. Thomas Dwight and Margaret Murphy, both constant subscribers to this paper and benefactors of the missions.

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WE shall be pleased habitually to receive the names of deceased subscribers and to record these names in our columns, for prayers. We will recommend such particularly to the remembrance of our missionaries and their flocks.

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And whosoever shall give to drink to one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, amen I say to you, He shall not lose his reward. Col. III, 14.

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TO a Stoughton friend who sends us occasional evidence of continued interest in THE FIELD AFAR, we wish to acknowledge a gift of \$4.00 for the new Catholic Foreign Mission Seminary of America.

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A SUBSCRIPTION came in recently from Sisters of Charity in China. It seems that when the U. S. fleet touched at Chefoo the Sisters went on board some of the vessels, and among other 'spoils' they received some American stamps, which were forwarded to us for the above-mentioned purpose.

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NO gift has pleased us more than that of a very precious relic of Blessed Théophane Vénard, which has been received from Bishop Gendreau of West Tonkin. It is a portion of one of the martyr's bones. The bishop says that since the beatification the demand for relics has been so great that there are now none left. This is sent as a token of gratitude for all that has been done by Americans for the Mission in which Fr. Vénard offered his young life.

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☞ Gifts, amounting to \$64.00, and recorded on this page, were received through the Boston Diocesan Office, S. P. F.

IN seeking support for our new seminary, we will strive to bear in mind constantly the home needs, parochial, diocesan and national, so as to stimulate rather than to interfere with the splendid and necessary work which is being carried on to-day so widely in the United States. We shall ask not for the substance of Catholic charity, but for what is left over. We shall be satisfied 'to gather the fragments that remain.'

Those who desire to help us in a small but effective way, may make use of the mite-box, of which we shall keep a supply on hand. One of these boxes will be mailed to any address on receipt of two two-cent stamps. They may be used to gather gradually the subscription price of THE FIELD AFAR; or their contents may be applied, at the benefactor's pleasure, to any form of foreign mission-work, including the support of the new seminary. Children may well be encouraged to sacrifice their candy pennies through this medium.

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RECENTLY five little ladies from St. Peter's School, Dorchester, spent \$6.60 on mission literature for their reading circle. It was part of the proceeds from a lawn party which they held for the benefit of the missions, \$40.60 being realized by the sale of fancy articles, ices and sweets. The remaining \$40 were given to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Surely the seed sown in these young hearts has already borne a good harvest. May the years find them increasingly fruitful!

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IN our July-August number we recorded for the new Seminary, gifts amounting to \$485.16. These had come unexpectedly, and as such, were the more welcome. Others have since been received, although we have as yet made no formal appeals for funds. We need not assure those interested that every dollar will have a welcome, and acknowledgment be promptly made; and that, although we are not yet ready to proclaim the centre of our future work, we are prepared to make good use of all offerings.

We shall not habitually print the names of our benefactors. Almost invariably they desire no publicity, and we admire their spirit accordingly. Initials and other indications will suffice, and here they are:

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In addition to the above gifts we have received an offering for the purchase of a memorial monstrance, from Miss P; a travelling Mass-set from St. Joseph's Archconfraternity, Dublin, Ireland; and the promise of several useful articles, including the *first barrel of flour*—or rather the *price* of it, which is usually the more satisfactory method of benefaction.

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AN appreciative account of the life of the saintly Mgr. Lavest, Prefect Apostolic of Kwang-si, China, who died in August, 1910, has been sent us by one of his missionaries. It is in pamphlet form.

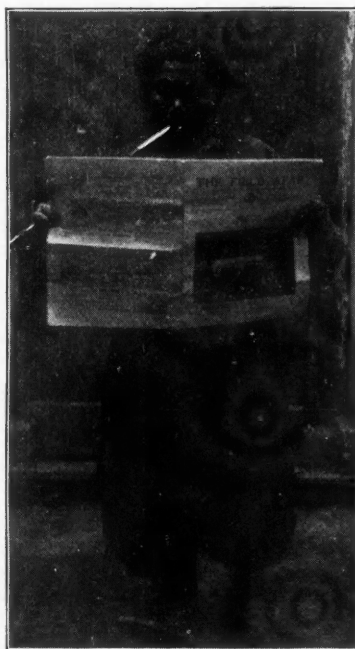


THE *Ave Maria* has been running a serial story—*The Red Circle*—which we hope will later appear in book form, with illustrations. The scene of the story is laid in China, and it treats of the Boxer uprising.

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